



American Kennel Club Delegate Report Patty Sample

For the past 125 years, the American Kennel Club has been the nation's premier advocate for dogs and people who love them.

At the April AKC Board of Directors meeting, the Board reviewed the Staff's proposal for a mixed-breed program. At the March 2009 AKC Delegates Meeting, an overwhelming majority of the Delegates passed a non-binding resolution that was in favor of a program for mixed breeds that would incorporate competing in some stand-alone AKC Companion Events which consist of Obedience, Tracking, Rally, and Agility Events.

It was voted to adopt the following Mixed-Breed Program.

Effective October 1, 2009 mixed breed dog owners can list their dogs with the AKC's new mixed breed program

1. Dogs in the program will be issued an ID number.
2. Dogs must be spayed or neutered.
3. The fee for the program will be \$35.00.
4. In Phase I, listed dogs will receive:
 - a. A certificate of participation
 - b. A competition card, with their identification number. This number allows mixed breeds to compete in AKC Agility, Rally, and Obedience events.
 - c. Access to a community of dog lovers interested in supporting all things canine, including the AKC Humane Fund.
 - d. Affiliation with an organization that:
 - Actively supports the right to own and breed dogs responsibly by fighting anti-ownership legislation at the local, state, and federal level
 - Donates millions to canine health research, making all dogs healthier in the long run
 - Proactively responds to disasters like 9-11 and Hurricane Katrina, reaching out to all dog owners in need during stressful times.

Competition in the following Companion Events: Obedience, Rally, and Agility Events.

Effective April 1, 2010, the competition parameters governing mixed breed participation in AKC Obedience, Rally, and Agility. AKC clubs will have the option to hold mixed

breed classes for Obedience, Rally and Agility events. Those clubs electing to hold mixed breed classes will offer the same classes for mixed breed dogs and purebred dogs.

1. Mixed Breed classes can only be held at standalone AKC Obedience, Rally and Agility Events. The Mixed Breed Class cannot be offered at All Breed Shows, Group Shows, or independent specialties, even if Agility, Obedience/Rally events are being held. The definition of a standalone AKC Companion event is an AKC Obedience, Rally, or Agility event that is not held on the same date AND show site as an AKC All-Breed Show or Independent Specialty.
2. Mixed breed dogs will compete in separate class division from AKC purebred dogs.
 - The club is not required to hold the classes in separate rings under separate Judges. The purebred can be held in the same ring, under the same Judge, as the mixed breed classes. Placements and titles will be scored and awarded separately.
 - As an example, in the Novice A Class there would be a class for purebred dogs and mixed breed dogs. The purebred dogs will be scored then the mixed breed dogs will be scored. There will be Official Class Placements of the purebred dogs and Official Class Placements for the mixed breed dogs.
3. Allows event-giving club to decide if group exercises in Obedience, specifically long sits and downs, should be combined to save time or should be completed separately. The club is not required to hold classes in separate rings under separate Judges. Placements and titles will be scored and awarded separately.
4. Mixed breed dogs will earn titles with a Mixed Breed suffix (i.e. NAM – Novice Agility Mixed Breed).
5. Dogs competing in the class will be eligible earn similar (but separate) titles as purebreds, including MACH-M (Master Agility Champion Mixed Breed), OTCH-M (Obedience Trial Champion Mixed Breed, and RAE-M (Rally Advanced Excellent Mixed Breed)
6. Dogs competing in classes will NOT be eligible for National Championships or Invitational events.

The Listing Service will be enhanced in Phase II, which will be effective July 2010 and again another enhancement in Phase III - date to be determined.

Anderson Obedience Training Club has always welcomed into our classes and membership owners of both purebred and mixed breed dogs. Anderson Obedience Training Club will include the Mixed Breed Class in our April 10, 2019 Event.

Any member who has a Mixed Breed and is interested in the Mixed Breed Program contact AKC Delegate Patty Sample for details and any future development in the program.

Class Schedules

All of our classes are scheduled for Tuesday evenings. Unless there is more of an interest in Rally Classes, we more than likely will not schedule a separate time. We will do our best to help individuals who have an interest in showing in Obedience or Rally the extra help they need to prepare for their dogs for showing. Therefore, we must make the best use of the ring time that we have.

The following schedule so that everyone understands how we must use our ring time.

- Puppy Classes - 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM - after Puppy Class is over this ring can be used by members preparing to show their dogs.
- Beginners Basic Class 7:15 PM to 8:15 PM – followed by Novice Class 8:15 PM to 9:15 PM.
- Open and Utility Class time will be 6:30 PM – 9:15 PM.

Novice class is for all members. Members and their dogs who are working toward their Companion Dog (CD) Title and for members and their dogs who want to keep their pets socialized. From time to time, there will also be Rally instructions and exercises incorporated into the class.

Open Class is for members dogs who have earned or are working toward obtaining their Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) Title. To train in the Open Class ring a member's dog must have earned two legs toward their CD Title.

Utility Class is for members dogs who are working for or have earned a Utility Dog (UD) Title. For Utility Class training a member's dog must have earned two legs toward their Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) Title.

For the Open and Utility Ring, there is a sign-up sheet to list your ring time. In the event there is no instructor in this ring, we would hope all members respect other clubs member time to work their dogs. It is very discouraging for the last person who works in Open to have no dogs to do their Group Stays.

Members who are training classes or who are working the sign-up table should be allowed ring time first so they can also work their dogs. I hope all members will respect this rule. This may mean the instructor who has a Novice dog and is working the Novice Class will have to work in the Open/Utility Ring in order to get ring time for their dog.

April 4, 2009 Obedience/ Rally Event Trial Secretary – Phil Sample and Trial Chairman – Mike Kennedy

Phil, Mike, and all of the AOTC Board of Directors would like to thank all of the members who helped with the event. Sponsoring an event like this takes many months of preparation on the part of a few members. The actual day of the event, it takes all of the

club members to put it together and make it happen. We heard many nice comments regarding our event. The judges expressed their opinion on the expert help they received from their Ring Stewards and really appreciated that help on keeping their classes running smoothly and on time. Many thanks to all the members who worked setting up the night before, and worked all day of the event and then stayed to help roll and load all of the matting and equipment. Special thanks to Vivian Prater for on taking on the task of raising money for the trophy fund, Shirley Spall for job well done on the Raffle Table, along with a special thank you to the Madison County 4-H Obedience helpers and all members who donated and solicited for the Raffle Table. Johnny Massey worked for the first time this year in tabulating, and with help from our former tabulator Terry Mier, everything went very smoothly. Phil would like to thank former Trial Secretary Annette Mier for all of her help the day of the show. Without her help, Phil said he would have not made it through the day. Patty Sample would also like to thank Toni Dickover for taking on the task of sweeping most of the building as soon as mats were rolled up. The financial report will be presented at the May 26, 2009 Membership Meeting.

Meeting Times

Membership meeting are held on the 4th Tuesday during the months of January, March (Annual Meeting and Elections of Officer and Directors), May, July, September, and November.

Board of Directors meetings are scheduled on the 2nd Thursday of the months of January, February, March, May, June, July, September, October, November, and December. If you have any comments or question please direct to President Mike Kennedy so that he can add to the Board agenda.

AKC S.T.A.R. PUPPY PROGRAM

Socialization*Training*Activity*Responsibility

The AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy is an exciting new program (which was approved by the American Kennel Club late last fall) and is designed to get dog owners and their puppies off to a good start. The test is for dogs up to 1 year of age that have completed a Puppy Class or Beginners Basic Class.

The Anderson Obedience Training Club for over 30 years has encouraged the public to enroll their puppies in a training class at an early age.

Congratulations to the following new STAR Puppies

- Deb McCune and German Shepherd
- Susan Slagle and Samoyed
- Kellie King and Boxer
- Todd Wiener and German Shepherd
- Angela Studebaker and Shiba Inu
- Pam and John Allen and Chihuahuas Mix
- Pam Ashby and Cocker Mix
- Rob Cox and Pit Bull
- Dottie DeWitt and Mixed Breed – Tucker
- Dottie DeWitt and Mixed Breed – Daisy Sunshine

To receive the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy award, the owner must attend at least 6 classes taught by and Approved AKC CGC Evaluator. The evaluator will observe and check off 20 items at any time during the course. Owner whose dogs who have passed the test will be awarded an AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy medal and packet from the American Kennel Club.